

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition ~~lubricant composition~~ for thermoplastic processing, comprising

A) a thermoplastic polymer selected from polyvinyl chloride, polyamide, polycarbonate, or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene; and

B) a lubricant composition consisting essentially of:

(a) a first component ~~consisting of natural fat and/or oil~~ selected from natural coconut oil or a hydrogenated tallow with an iodine value below 10; and

(b) a second component selected from a fatty acid ester of fatty alcohols, dicarboxylic acid esters of fatty alcohols, or a polyol fatty acid ester including wax esters ~~comprising one lubricant different from the natural fat and/or oil of component (a) for thermoplastic polymers wherein the fats and oils of a) can be used in the form of naturally occurring fats and oils, or the hydrogenation products thereof, and wherein the lubricant b) is selected from fatty acid ester of fatty alcohols, dicarboxylic acid esters of fatty alcohols, and polyol fatty acid ester.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~fats and oils~~ natural coconut oil or a hydrogenated tallow have iodine values below 8.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~fats and oils~~ natural coconut oil or a hydrogenated tallow have iodine values between about 0.1 and about 5.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein components (a) and (b) are present in a ratio by weight of 20:80 to 80:20.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein components (a) and (b) are present in a ratio by weight of 40:60 to 60:40.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein component (b) comprises stearyl stearate.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein component (b) comprises distearyl phthalate.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein component (b) comprises pentaerythritol tetrastearate.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein component (b) comprises dipentaerythritol hexastearate.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein component (a) comprises hydrogenated tallow.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~lubricant~~ composition according to Claim 4, wherein component (a) comprises hydrogenated tallow.

13 (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for processing thermoplastics, comprising the steps of:

(i) incorporating into a thermoplastic polymer a lubricant composition consisting essentially of (a) a first component ~~consisting of natural fat and/or oil~~ selected from natural coconut oil or a hydrogenated tallow with an iodine value below 10 and (b) one lubricant selected from fatty acid ester of fatty alcohols, dicarboxylic acid esters of fatty alcohols, or a polyol fatty acid ester including wax esters ~~different from the natural fat and/or oil of component (a) for thermoplastic polymers wherein the fats and oils of a) can be used in the form of naturally occurring fats and oils, or the hydrogenation products thereof and wherein the lubricant b) is selected from fatty acid ester of fatty alcohols, dicarboxylic acid esters of fatty alcohols, and polyol fatty acid ester; and~~

(ii) processing the thermoplastic polymer
wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from polyvinyl chloride, polyamide, polycarbonate, or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, wherein components (a) and (b) are present in a ratio by weight of 20:80 to 80:20.

19. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, wherein component (a) includes hydrogenated tallow.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 16 wherein the natural fats and oils having iodine numbers below 10 are blended and melted together with the further lubricant prior to incorporation into the thermoplastic polymer.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 16 wherein the incorporation into the thermoplastic polymer takes place by means of spray crystallization.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 16 wherein the lubricant [[mix]]composition is added in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 10 parts by weight to 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polymer to be processed.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 16 wherein the lubricant
[[mix]]composition is

(a) added to the melt that is formed during the preparation of the
thermoplastic polymer; or

(b) applied to the plastics material granules or plastics material powder at an
elevated temperature.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)